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Applicant(s) : Berkulin, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 3, 2003 (Paper No. 7), Applicants hereby elect Group I, i.e., claims 8-12 drawn to a process of preparing a dry extract from a liquid extract, for continued examination.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has identified two groups of claims which he believes to be distinct inventions: Group I, claims 8-12, drawn to a process of preparing a dry extract from a liquid extract; and Group II, claims 13-15, drawn to a dry extract including a dry extract incorporated into a medicament such as a tablet. Applicants have elected the claims in Group I and will proceed with the prosecution of these claims. No change in inventorship is necessary by this election.